



STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 25, 2021
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Laura Ham, VP, Planning and Engineering
SUBJ: APPROVING THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF SACRAMENTO AND SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE R STREET AND 29TH/30TH STREET SIGNALIZATION PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended action will approve the Cooperative agreement between the City of Sacramento (City) and Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) for the design and construction of the R Street and 29th/30th Street Signalization Project.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact to SacRT is \$314,000, which SacRT would commit under the Agreement to contribute to help fund the local share of the Project cost. This will be funded with new Measure A, CTSA funds that were recently approved by the STA during December of 2020.

DISCUSSION

The R Street and 29th/30th Street Signalization Project (“Project”) is the result of a grassroots effort from the community to bring attention to the unsignalized crossings at the 29th Street Light Rail Station. The City of Sacramento and SacRT have evaluated a range of potential improvements at these two intersections and have determined that signalization is the best alternative to address the safety concerns for pedestrians and transit riders while minimizing operational impacts to automobile traffic and light rail operations.

The 29th Street Light Rail Station is located on R Street underneath the Capital City Freeway and is bounded to the west by 29th Street and to the east by 30th Street. These two streets form a one-way arterial couplet on either side of the freeway with three lanes each, posted speed limits of 30 mph, and average daily traffic of around 8,000 vehicles. A significant amount of transit-oriented land use has developed near this station which will be enhanced by improving these two intersection crossings by adding signals. The four blocks immediately adjacent to the station include Mercy Medical Group, Caltrans Division of Engineering Services, Cadence Academy Preschool,

Midtown Market, Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance, and the Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op. This assortment of medical services, employment centers, social services, and grocers will benefit from a direct, signalized connection to the light rail station. The signalization of these two intersections has been requested by community members, local business owners, the Society for the Blind, the Sacramento Regional Transit Mobility Advisory Council, and Paratransit, Inc.

The Project scope includes, but may not be limited to: construction of pedestrian actuated traffic signals at the intersections of R Street and 29th/30th Street, bulb-outs to reduce pedestrian crossing distances, drainage improvements necessitated by the proposed changes to the existing curb and gutter, signal preemption for outbound and inbound light rail trains, and construction of new signal gates. The exact scope and limits of work may change as the design is refined.

The City of Sacramento Staff has recommended the submittal of a joint grant application to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) to secure funding to improve the safety of pedestrians traveling to and from the 29th Street light rail station. The project agreement was approved by the Sacramento City Council on December 8, 2020. The City and SacRT desire to maximize the federal reimbursement for all project expenses, and mutually agree that the cost of the Project not covered by grants will be shared equally by both parties.

Under the Agreement, City and SacRT will equally share all local project expenses that are not covered by the grant. City will be responsible for any cost overruns. The total estimated project cost is \$3,750,000. The local funding requirement for the project is estimated at \$628,000. SacRT will contribute 50%, or \$314,000, and City will contribute 50%, or \$314,000. These amounts will be allocated by each entity only if the federal grant funds are programmed through the 2020 Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Regional Funding round. The SACOG grant request is estimated to be \$3,436,000.

The proposed new agreement would allow SacRT to partner with the City of Sacramento for the grant application, and improve the signalization at 29th and 30th Crossing location once the project is complete.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-01-0007

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

January 25, 2021

APPROVING THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF SACRAMENTO AND SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE R STREET AND 29TH/30TH STREET SIGNALIZATION PROJECT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the Cooperative Agreement between City of Sacramento, therein referred to as "Sacramento" and Sacramento Regional Transit District, therein referred to as "SacRT", for the design and construction of the R Street and 29th/30th Street Signalization Project, wherein the parties agree to jointly apply for a grant and agree to provide an equal share of the local match, is hereby approved.

THAT, the General Manager/CEO is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Cooperative Agreement.

STEVE MILLER, Chair

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HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary